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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. *Copies of the non-U.S. patents and a copy of the Japanese Office Action citing the references are attached.*

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

U.S. Patent No. 6,540,845 is an English language counterpart of Japanese Publication No. 2001-342575, and is cited in lieu of a translation.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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